



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Communication mailed December 7, 2005.

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